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2ND DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER

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John Zillmer, Chief Executive Officer

Aramark

Sent via electronic mail

Re: Business disruption due to COVID-19

Dear Mr. Zillmer,

My City Council colleagues and I write in the belief that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic requires ongoing coordination and cooperation among the government, business, and non-profit sectors. We believe that includes Aramark—as a longtime Philadelphia-based business—and City Council. Aramark is headquartered in the Second Council District, which I represent, and my undersigned colleagues and I all have constituents who work for Aramark—whether at your headquarters, at sports venues, at universities, or beyond.

We applaud Aramark for the measures it has already taken to address hourly workers' needs relating to COVID-19, including expanded sick leave and health benefits, despite revenue losses from pandemic-related business interruption. We have worked with our state and federal partners to do our part, mobilizing emergency health, social services, and safety-net initiatives, including expanded eligibility for unemployment benefits.

Nevertheless, based upon conversations with hourly workers at locations such as Philadelphia's stadium complex, it is clear that we must do more to support Aramark workers who have suddenly and indefinitely lost income. We will continue to ramp up intergovernmental efforts to expand support for such workers. At the same time, we urge Aramark to take steps to help employees to offset lost compensation by working with its clients to provide shutdown pay and maintain benefits. We have also contacted many of those clients, including professional sports franchises and universities, to directly encourage them to work with you on this issue.



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Of course, we stand ready to discuss and assist however necessary. Thank you for your careful consideration during this ongoing, rapidly evolving crisis.

Sincerely,

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